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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2000 for one (1) month, from March 15, 2000 to April 17, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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